CRAIG-GOWAN,
KIRKCALDY.

Feb 23, 1900

Dear Miss Kilgour

I duly rec^d your long & interesting letter of Jan 17th, & have much pleasure as far as possible in replying to it.

The Kilgour family seems for the most part to be located & to have its origin in Fifeshire. There are a considerable number in Kirkcaldy & generally spreading throughout Fife

altho' they are not to
are crowded with th
a good many were are
Dundee, Aberdeen & th
their original home
name of the Parish
Kilgour & there is
Cabrie & the farm
of which is the old
& Burial Ground. I
facts from the Gov
Survey maps. I offe
now as to the partic
of this district are
origin & degree. I
Ho. Kilgour in the
Private school and
a bit higher than
I have taken some th

unclassed surnames
the Browns, Smiths &c.
also to be found in
the North but I apprehend
it was Fife. The old
of Fulkland was
still exists Kilgour is
of Kilgour alongside
site of the Parish church
I have verified the
ernment Ordnance
for the General —
ular. All the Kilgours
have been of lowly
your grandfather
ing able to keep a
as paras I am aware
those of his namesake
unable to find out.

his school but the
oldest inhabitant's
memory is blank on
the subject & never
even heard of such
a "dominie" in Ruidlitown
altho' I think I have
located where the school
was & so have added
to my local knowledge.
I daresay if some
domestic search were
made among the registers
existing & kept in
Edinburgh a family
tree could be compiled
& I have little doubt
that a far off relation-
ship between your
father's family & my

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could be established
over but I hardly think
it worth the bother.
I too was born in
Pinelidtown in 1861.
My Father was both
Slasman & Weaver as
almost everybody
was in those days
in Pathhead & Pinelidtown
& died in 1865 leaving
my Mother a widow
with three children
without anything
but what her own
hands could compass
I received my school
education & got

under the manufacture
no doubt your father was co
to make my way in
world at the age a
early age & entered
Byland & Wishart,
an office boy & sub
Director of that fi
Byland & Wishart a
whose brother name
born in 1799 & died
was the youngest of
brothers Jas. & Robe
to Ontario with the
The Jas. Byland to w
of course a brother
& N. T. Byland son of
letter to Henry M. Be

of Philip Philip (which
mission of) & left there
the worst as best &
of 1½ years. At this
the employment of
Chain Manufacturers as
an managing
firm. The Wiland of
was David Wiland
was Janet Morton
in 1835. This Jane Morton
seven & had two
ot who emigrated
their wives & families
whom you refer was
of David Wiland
das. I showed your
land son of David

who gives me the information
related. The Lockharts
& Sellands have considerable
in fact wide ramifications
in this town.
I am aware that Kilgour
is a name rarely met
with outside of Scotland
& is almost unknown
in Canada. I have
been a frequent
traveller in Canada
& the USA having
crossed the Atlantic
no less than 26 times
& I have only met
the name once in Canada
Kilgour Bros. of Toronto.

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many a time in the Queens Hotel Toronto, & the Windsor of Montreal have been sung up on the 'phone & met with the salutation "How are you Joe" mistaking me for Joe Kilgour of Kilgour Bros Toronto. In Toronto some had the temerity to call but did not find them at home. Of course I never had

the opportunity of
altho from Quebec
know Canada pa
visit was in 1911
due to the War
occasion to cro
Pain Roomber last
Treasurer of the
for 19 years but
(Mayor) the chief
Town. - a position
coveted & does not
the odium sometim
it in the USA & Can
carries with it a g
& esteem. My wind
very Sir R.B. Lockha

being in Guelph
to Winnipeg &
rly well. May last
but since then
I have had no
o. the fora.
I am rolling for the
ough about then
am now Provost
civic head of the
usually much
in this country very
es associate with
ada but usually
ood deal of respect
diate Professors
ot a descendant of

the original Ninian & Sir Ronald M Ferguson the laird of Kilkerran now serving as the Governor General of Australia. With this same mail I send you something that may interest your Father.

I think this now concludes my story & I hope it will not weary you too much. I have little doubt your Father will be interested more than you can possibly be.

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I am greatly pleased
to know that altho
Loyola he is
hale & hearty & able
to take his full
part in ~~public~~ life.
I trust he may
long continue so &
altho unknown I
send him my heartiest
greetings for his
welfare

I am
Yr Very Sincerely
Alex. Kilgour

was followed by a dance.

KIRKCALDY EX-PROVOST'S PORTRAIT

A portrait of ex-Provost Kilgour, Kirkcaldy, by Mr Stanley Cursiter, A.R.S.A., was on view in the Kirkcaldy Art Galleries on Friday. The portrait, which was painted by order of the Town Council in recognition of Mr Kilgour's 36 years' service to the town, as Councillor, Treasurer, and Provost, was to be presented to Mr Kilgour next Friday evening at a civic function in the Adam Smith Hall. The presentation was to be made by Sir Robert C. Lockhart, himself an ex-Provost of Kirkcaldy.

A KIRKCALDY PRESENTATION

Portrait of ex-Provost Alexander Kilgour, J.P., by Sir Robert Lockhart, for public presentation to the ex-Provost in recognition of 36 years' service to the burgh.

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Miss Kilgour
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